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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, [REDACTED] DD/P

SUBJECT : Agency Cold War Air Contingency Requirements

REFERENCE : Memorandum from Chief, [REDACTED] DD/P to
Acting Chief, EPD, dated 22 September 1960; Subject:
"Agency Cold War Air Contingency Requirements"

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1. I have read the referenced memorandum with a good deal of concern, generated by what must have been your own distress at having been apparently sidetracked in the process of staff work following the 18 August meeting in the Department of Defense, to which you make reference in the second paragraph.

2. A check with members of this Division reveals that a draft of the original memorandum for signature by the Deputy Director (Plans) to the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Special Operations was in fact coordinated with [REDACTED], acting in your absence at the time. This occurred on the afternoon of 25 August 1960, at which time both [REDACTED] concurred in the draft submitted to them. Subsequently, this draft was put in final form for me to transmit to DD/P for signature, at which time I suggested several editorial changes and some slight variations in the format. Mr. Cunningham, Assistant Chief, EPD, was given the job of editorial revision, and at the same time [REDACTED] was orally advised that certain minor alterations were in the process of being made to the version he had seen. I am advised that he raised no objections at the time.

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3. It would appear that your Staff, noting an indication on the copy you received that the memorandum had been rewritten, may have concluded that further substantive changes had been made which would properly have required coordination anew. I can assure you that no intention existed to bypass you and your wholly legitimate areas of responsibility with this entire subject.

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I have drawn the attention of key Division personnel again to the understandable necessity of reaching a coordinated position on policy matters of this sort with all affected Agency components prior to submitting final staff papers to Mr. Bissell, either for review or signature, and I sincerely trust that you will not be required to remind us of our oversights in the future.

SIGNED

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Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P

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